Task force survey to define violence

Defining violence is the first job facing the college's task force on violence.

"What is violence?" Bev Brown, chairman of the task force on violence, asked committee members at a meeting at Wellandvale Campus in St. Catharines yesterday. "We must ask the college community and get suggestions from students, faculty, support staff and administration. What are the things confronting us?"

Hugo Bessems, task force vice-chairman, will "draft a sample survey and present it at the next meeting."

When the survey results are known, the task force will define the scope of its mandate. The task force agreed the abuse of children is not within its scope.

Once the definition of violence is established, the task force will discuss solutions and recommendations.

"We want to deal with all campuses from a safety and security standpoint," Ms. Brown said.

Suggestions include raising awareness of violence through education and the implementation of policies to deal with situations that may arise.

The next meeting is Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m. in Niagara Falls at the Futures Office, Stamford Green Plaza, 6255 Huggins St.

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Niagara's recycling program confusing

By HELEN PARKINSON
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Staff Writers

Brock University's recycling program is "great" while Niagara College's recycling program is "very unorganized" Donna Flutur, Student Administrative Council office manager, said.

"Five years ago newspaper recycling was started at the college," she said. "Travel and tourism students volunteered and faithfully collected bins (for pickup)."

However, the college's Travel and Tourism program is no longer at the Welland campus. It is located in Niagara Falls.

Meanwhile, Linda Maidens, Niagara College's building operations supervisor, would like to see more students participating in the collection of fine paper.

"Everyone thinks this is a good idea but when it comes to actually getting down and doing the work, it's a bit harder," Ms. Maidens said.

"(This year's) Student Administrative Council has not gone out of its way to get the job done," Donna said.

Subject to the requirements of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System, all educational institutions are obligated to comply with the four-year-old legislation. Although regulations were introduced in 1987, the bill did not become law until 1989. Failing to comply with the legislation could result in a 12-month jail term, a $25,000 fine, or both. Previously, the college's hazardous waste was purchased by a private firm in possession of licences entitling it to make disposals.

Recently, the college applied for generating licence numbers allowing for pickup and disposal of hazardous waste.

Ms. Maidens has circulated lists to be updated by each department to compile a menu of chemicals used in each area of the college. "I want to do this (disposal) properly. It's a huge project when you're starting from scratch," she said.

While no funding has been allocated for environmental issues, efforts are being made to have recycling included in the college budget. The bureaucracy of the college system and a lack of funds could account for the lack of environmental activity, Ms. Maidens said.

"I don't know if it's a lack of money, or if it's a lack of caring," Donna said. "They had enough money to hire . . . new vice-presidents."

Also, there is no full-time Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System representative on campus.

"It is a time-consuming job," Mal Woodhouse, the college's first health and safety officer, said.

Staff changes during the summer added to the confusion of waste management. Memorandums have been sent out in hopes of eliminating chemicals not being used, needing disposal, and those to be added to the list.

Ms. Maidens wants to visit Brock University soon to evaluate its recycling program, hoping to implement new ideas at Niagara College.

English pact 'positive step'

An articulation agreement on critical language skills between Niagara College and the Lincoln County Board of Education has been reached for English programs, Dennis Malone said. Mr. Malone is the director of the English and Articulation Division at the college.

"This is a very positive step towards having an ongoing link between Niagara and local school boards and it can only benefit both," he said. "The local school boards are also co-operating together for the first time."

Mr. Malone outlined the agreement and spoke of agreements still in the works between the institutions.

The agreement is to co-ordinate the efforts of English departments at both institutions in helping students develop critical skills. The objective is to ensure students enroling at Niagara have the greatest opportunity for success while attending.

Both institutions examined their respective English programs to determine the critical language skills needed for success at Niagara, Mr. Malone said. The departments identified five categories for investigation. These categories are reading, writing, listening, speaking and viewing.

Niagara's English department explained the necessary skills in each area and what level of understanding students were expected to have on entering the college system.

The Lincoln Board drew its list of what students were expected to understand upon graduating from high school.

"These agreements are good for all involved and can only benefit future students," he said.

Rags to riches

Karen Polegato, a first-year fashion arts student, pulls up the blue muslin cloth and checks the color of the fabric she is dyeing. The fabric is dyed blue to suit the color theme of the "Creative Fashions on Parade" fashion show in the Black Walnut building Feb. 7. See story and additional photos on page 5.

Photo by Vernon Browne

Wind, snow, cold, big part of Wintercourse

By DAVE REMPEL
Staff Writer

The forecast is for wind, snow flurries and a high temperature of 32 degrees Fahrenheit. When the weather is like that what can one do?

How about grab a bathing suit and hit the beach?

The third annual Student Administrative Council-sponsored Wintercourse begins Monday, Feb. 4 and runs through the first week of February.

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 4 and continuing until Thursday, Feb. 7, a scavenger hunt will be held around the Welland campus. Lists of articles to be found are available at the SAC office. At 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 prizes will be awarded to those with the greatest number of articles.

An obstacle course will be held on Monday, Feb. 4 and a touch football game is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. on the field behind the cafeteria.

A polar bear dip will take place at Beaverdams Road and Merrittville Highway at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Participants will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the college cafeteria and are advised to bring their bathing suits, towels and courage to this one.

The David Wilcox concert will be held in the cafeteria at 8 p.m.

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New VP has high hopes for college

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writer

Dan Patterson is a busy man. Within days of relocating in St. Catharines, he assumed duties as Niagara College's new vice-president of community ventures, meeting with staff and administration at the Welland and St. Catharines campuses.

"The first day (on the job) . . . I had the opportunity to meet with as many people as I could that will be working in the ventures portfolio in Welland. It was a wonderful opportunity to informally chat with people," said Mr. Patterson, who started his job Monday.

In the afternoon, he travelled to the St. Catharines campus to meet with the staff. "What I did was talk a bit about myself and the three priorities that I see the ventures portfolio taking on."

"The first (priority) is an idea of positioning Niagara College as an innovative source for responding to labor market realities," he said. "Secondly, I hope to work at establishing Niagara as a trainer of choice among clients for practical and results-oriented training."

"Thirdly, the one area I hope to bring some of my experience to, is establishing partnerships with federal, provincial and municipal governments' agencies, the private sector, the industrial associations and the community groups," he said.

Mr. Patterson said another priority he had on his first day was just making sure he got from home to Welland and from Welland to St. Catharines.

DAN PATTERSON

SETTING UP SHOP

"I was very anxious to go to the St. Catharines campus because that is where we (community ventures) hope to set up shop as a portfolio," he said.

Mr. Patterson is excited about the idea of bringing various parts of the organization into a consolidated group.

He said his main job is to provide leadership, instil receptiveness to change in the ventures organization and to create enthusiasm through new ways of doing business.

"My role is to constantly bring to staff and managers the importance of demonstrating improved customer service." He said the key to success is to ask customers how Niagara College can better meet their needs.

Mr. Patterson said one of his biggest tasks is getting to know the Niagara Peninsula. "I'm from outside the area (Mississauga) . . . I'm working to find out as much as I can about the labor market circumstances in the Niagara area," he said, adding he is excited about applying some of the skills and knowledge from his previous job experience to the realities of the Niagara Region.

Mr. Patterson said nothing is more powerful than an idea that's time has come. "I'm very excited about coming to college. I've worked in a variety of areas: training and adult education and working with business and industry," he said.

Mr. Patterson said his experiences with government, business and his academic training all seem to come together in a way that his position as vice-president is an extension of his past experiences.

NEW CHALLENGE

Mr. Patterson looks at the St. Catharines campus as an interesting challenge: having to decide how to bring the various groups together. "No decision (location of community ventures) has been made at this point. We're literally trying to find out if it's feasible for us to move," he said.

The biggest concern is classroom space, which is being used to capacity. Community ventures wants to be careful not to sacrifice the space thus ensuring a move won't adversely affect the clients, Mr. Patterson said.

"I have been asked to put together some recommendatiaons (concerning the location of community ventures) which I assume will be discussed," he said.

Staff in the new community ventures department will number more than 100.

"There are so many people over at the St. Catharines campus already in terms of the Ontario Basic Skills and Futures offices in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland."

The portfolio, Mr. Patterson said, is based on the notion of what the labor market has to offer for tomorrow and not only today.

The community ventures department will be responsible for Ontario Basic Skills Development offices, Futures programs, technical training and trade programs, marketing, skills development programs, joint ventures and access programs.

"We would like to take a quantum leap in terms of our responsiveness to the community . . . in asking the people we are working with what they think their needs are," he said.

PARTNERSHIPS

Mr. Patterson said he hopes to build partnerships with business, industry, government and community-based organizations which will over a period of time improve the college's image and profile.

Canada's recession may affect the community venture portfolio but Mr. Patterson remains optimistic. "I think it's worthy to advocate to employers that human resource planning and development is as important in the recessionary period as it is in a growth period," he said.

Mr. Patterson said it's worthwhile for employers to plan and be systematic because it affects their bottom line. "It's important to tie training to the business schools if you (employer) want to be successful," he said.

Mr. Patterson was employed with the Department of Indian Affairs for 14 years and spoke of his experiences dealing with native issues. "I had a number of positions at the Department of Indian Affairs particularly training. I was also the director of community base planning."

He was employed with the Ontario Ministry of Skills and Development for four years as director of partnership and skills development. "I was dealing with the province (Ontario) for training initiatives."

Mr. Patterson said his job at Niagara will be a travelling road show. "I'm going to be very outward to the community; therefore, I hope to show up at the Niagara Falls campus, the St. Catharines campus and the Welland campus," he said.

Mr. Patterson is looking forward to the challenge of his new position and admits his adrenalin is flowing. "There's a positive momentum around the value of a ventures portfolio. I think the key thing is to steer that momentum in the right direction."

Mr. Patterson said he sees himself in a long relationship with Niagara College. "I am anxious to serve the community the best I can."

Crime Stoppers

Calls help police fight crime

By DAVID REMPEL
Staff Writer

If you're interested in helping police, taking a bite out of crime and making $1,000 doing it, a toll-free number to Crime Stoppers is all you need.

According to Crime Stoppers co-ordinator Constable Mark Sargeson, Crime Stoppers is the anonymous tipster's reward system. Since the program's establishment in the Niagara Region five years ago, it has been instrumental in the arrests of nearly 500 criminals.

"Since 1985, Crime Stoppers has helped solve 1,175 cases and arrest 480 criminals," Const. Sargeson said. "We've helped recover $1,180,385 worth of stolen property and $782,260 worth of drugs. We've paid out $28,665 to the informants whose tips have led to those arrests. I'd say it's money well spent."

CO—OPERATIVE PROGRAM

Crime Stoppers is a citizen, media and police co-operative program designed to involve the public in the fight against crime. It provides a system of cash rewards for information which lead to the arrest — but not necessarily a conviction — of a criminal. Rewards are offered for information leading to the arrest of anyone involved in the Crime of the Week.

"The Crime of the Week is an unsolved crime which the (Niagara Regional Police force) brings to the attention of the public through the media," Const. Sargeson said. "We offer a reward of up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It's kind of like America's Most Wanted with a cash bonus."

How difficult is it to pass along information and receive the reward while ensuring anonymity?

"Not difficult at all," Const. Sargeson said. "We have a Crime Stoppers hotline open 24 hours a day. An informant who calls our number is immediately given a code number, say No. 10,000. Instead of using his name, he would from then on use that number.

"The informant would give his information to either myself or to my partner (Constable Joan Vanbreda) and we would forward the information to the officer who is handling the case or we may contact the dispatcher to relay the information to other officers. We encourage the informant to call back periodically to check up on the progress of the case. If his information leads to the arrest, he gets some money."

REVENGE MOTIVATES

But according to Const. Sargeson money is not necessarily an informant's prime motivation for calling.

"My opinion was that a cash reward was the big draw. I proved myself wrong. One main reason for calling is revenge. If one criminal wants to cut the competition out there, he might call and inform on someone else. Perhaps a disgruntled spouse will call and inform. We call these people fringe players.

"Probably the prime motivation for people calling is that they're good concerned citizens. I'd say about half of the calls we get are from them."

Const. Sargeson said 1990 was a good year for Crime Stoppers, even though fewer arrests were made.

In 1989, Crime Stoppers received 530 calls and from them 98 arrests were made, and 277 cases were solved. In 1990, Crime Stoppers received 622 calls and from them 81 arrests were made and 165 cases were solved.

Const. Sargeson would like everyone to realize Crime Stoppers is an information network and not a crime prevention program. He doesn't want the public to think Crime Stoppers is like Neighborhood Watch because Crime Stoppers primarily wants information about crimes that have already happened.

Since its inception 15 years ago in New Mexico, the highly successful Crime Stoppers program has snowballed internationally.

"We now have Crime Stopper programs all over the world," Const. Sargeson said. "Canada, the States, Guam, Great Britain — it's enormous. We've certainly grown from a media point of view. We're getting a lot more exposure. (The NRPF branch) has come a long way in five years, but I still think we can go the extra mile."

The Crime Stoppers number is 1-800-263-8477.

New board chairman former college alumni

For the first time in Niagara College history, a college graduate is the new chairman of the Board of Govenors.

David Bessey, 39, graduated from the construction technician program in 1972.

"My biggest concern is the $1.3 million deficit," Mr. Bessey said. "Student retention, starting an alumni association and growth in new programs are also very important."

This is Mr. Bessey's sixth and final year on the Board of Governors. Board members may serve for six years with the chairman normally serving one year.

Mr. Bessey is married with two sons and owns Taro Bescot Construction Inc. in St. Catharines.

Bernard Baril, retired senior vice-president, Quebec and Ontario Paper Co. in Thorold, was appointed vice-chairman of the board.

Mr. Bessey replaces former chairman Mary Ann Toomath-Seppala.

Ms. Seppala said the board has made major accomplishments over the last year.

"In retrospect, the year can be characterized by one word — change," Ms. Seppala said. "Enrolment increased 15 per cent...there was an emphasis on partnership with five articulation agreements...and the student centre. We as a board are pleased with the recruitment and hiring of a new president who fits in with our vision and who has generated a great deal of enthusiasm throughout the college."

Mr. Bessey was appointed chairman at a Board of Governors meeting Jan. 24.

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War affects economy recession worsens

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

Higher taxes and a worsening Canadian recession are two possible affects from the Persian Gulf war, Teresa Menzies, economics and law professor at Niagara College, said.

She is concerned about the shifting of funding from social programs to the military.

"We'll definitely have higher taxes due to the war. If they (the federal government) do not increase taxes, they will only add to the deficit," she said.

It is costing Canadian taxpayers $3 million each day to keep troops in the gulf, and that cost will increase as the crisis continues and more troops are deployed.

One CF-18 fighter jet and its armament costs about $26 million, or more than half the operating budget of Niagara College for one year.

This type of cost must be recovered somehow.

As Canada currently struggles with a $380-billion deficit (meaning one-third of each tax dollar goes to paying interest on the deficit), Mrs. Menzies said "there is no question" higher taxes will be needed to pay for the military action in the gulf.

Mrs. Menzies said there has always been a correlation between the Middle East oil markets and the North American economy. In the 1970s, the skyrocketing of oil prices caused economic disruption that shocked North Americans into realizing their dependancy on Mideast oil. This trend was shown in the early 1980s when a sharp increase in crude oil prices caused a recession in both Canada and the United States.

"Historically, high-price increases in oil have meant a recession. While it's not as big a problem as it used to be, we should all be watching oil prices," Mrs. Menzies said.

Economic recovery in Canada will depend on the length of the war. The crisis has already stalled a possible economic comeback and may contribute to a worsening situation if the U.S. continues to spend billions fighting Iraq.

"If there wasn't a war we would have seen some sort of recovery. As long as the war causes this cloud of uncertainty, we just don't know what will happen," she said.

A short war would mean low interest rates, low inflation and a quick economic recovery. A long war might cause both the U.S. and Canada to shift more money into the military. As the U.S. struggles under an already burdensome debt, a further monetary drain could cause a major recesson in that country. And as the U.S. goes, so does Canada say many economists.

"If America is in a bad situation, we're worse," Mrs. Menzies said.

No matter how long the war continues, however, she is worried that military spending will now be increased, causing even deeper cuts to social programs such as health and education.

One of the ways to keep an eye on the economy, she said, is to be aware of the prime lending rate. This figure is the percentage that banks charge their best customers for borrowing money and provides an indication of how the economy is turning. A high prime rate will discourage investment and economic growth, while a low rate will stimulate investment and growth, she said.

Red Cross donations help Gulf war victims

The Canadian Red Cross is accepting donations to help victims of the Persian Gulf war.

The Canadian government has contributed $1.55 million while the Red Cross hopes to raise another $1 million, Gordon Rivers, international emergency chairman for the Welland branch of the Red Cross, said.

"We're asking the public to participate," he said.

The Red Cross is sending notices to area churches and the media, requesting donations.

The money will be used to "support humanitarian interests in the Persian Gulf," Mr. Rivers said.

The Red Cross anticipates there might be up to 300,000 refugees as a result of the war. They will be organizing refugee camps in Iran, Syria, and Jordan.

"Nine out of 10 casualties are civilians in any war," Mr. Rivers said. "Relief action includes provision of shelter, food, sanitation, and medical first aid."

The money will also be used to help military casualties, to trace family members in the Persian Gulf, and to enable the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit Allied troops in prisoner of war camps and interned civilians.

The supplies will be sent by airplane. Mr. Rivers said there are planes on standby, waiting to go to the Persian Gulf.

"There is always a problem of shipping relief supplies," he said.

The relief operations is an international concern, Mr. Rivers said.

Japan has sent a medical-surgical team to the Persian Gulf and Denmark and Finland have teams being briefed in Geneva. Various European societies set civilian field hospital units with up to 100 beds per hospital and the Red Cross will be sending medical and other staff to man these hospitals, Mr. Rivers said.

Donations to the relief fund should be marked "Canadian Red Cross — Persian Gulf Fund," Mr. Rivers said. They can be sent to any branch of the Red Cross. Various banks — including the Royal, Toronto Dominion, Bank of Montreal, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Bank of Nova Scotia, Banque Nationale, Canadian Western, and Barclay's — will also accept donations.

The Welland office of the Canadian Red Cross is located at 593 King St., Welland, L3B 3L3.

Health services, hours change

Health Services at the Welland campus has changed its hours and services provided.

The office is closed every afternoon because Donna Wessels, the school nurse, is ill. The office is closed Wednesday mornings.

Services have been expanded Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Laboratory work ordered by Dr. Joanne Deveaux can be completed in the Lundy building from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This work includes blood work and electro cardiogram tests, which were not being completed as many students could not get to the lab. Equipment is brought in to complete the scheduled test.

For an appointment with Dr. Deveaux please see the receptionist or call Ext. 635.

Roving Reporter asks:

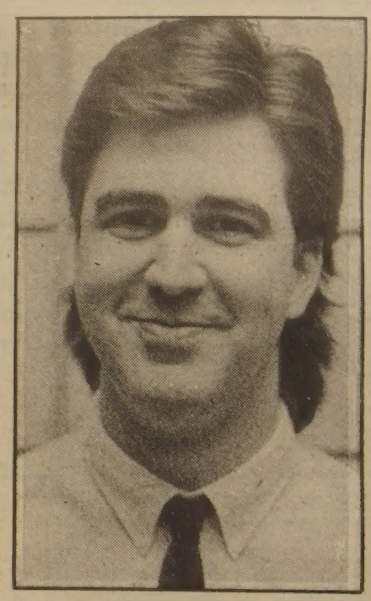
Does Niagara College need a task force on violence? Is violence a problem at the college?

Interviews by Vernon Browne
Photos by Dave Johnson

"No, I don't think so," **Stacey Wilson**, second-year law and security student, said. "I think it would be a good thing to have one (a task force) if there was a problem, but it's not really necessary." As far as Niagara College having a problem with violence, "No, not that I know of. I haven't heard of any incidents," she said.

Roger Helmkay, law and security administration student, said a task force of some kind should be put into effect around the college, but said it should also stop the graffiti and vandals. "I think so really," he said. "I'm not really sure about violence though, I've never seen any violence around here."

Maribeth Haines, educational resources and special needs student, said, "there is no problem of violence against women at Niagara College. "If there was violence around here, then yes, a task force would be needed," she said. "But since there hasn't been much violence around here, I'm either way (on the idea of a task force)."



"I'm not quite sure, I really haven't heard of any happenings," **Larry Anderson**, first-year business student, said. "I think that women do feel violated by being sexually harassed by guys — looking at them all the time — sitting down by the mini-cafe making comments," he said. "But, I don't think there's a problem with violence, the problem is harassment which is different."

Raymond Linton, law and security student, said he fully supports the idea of a task force on the campus. "Yes, it (the task force) is always needed to protect women. Because women are always going to be the subject of violence." Raymond said the problem may be there, but "there is nothing visible, that's the way it works, it's not visible."

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Editorials

Define violence

Politics no, action yes

Violence must be defined. Niagara College's new 13-member task force on violence has been formed to study violence on campus, but first, it must determine what violence is.

It is no secret that violence on campuses across the continent is a growing concern, in particular violence against women. But, task force is really just a fancy term for committee and who among us does not fear that word? It smacks of bureaucracy. At the risk of sounding cynical the entire idea of this committee seems motivated because it is in vogue.

Admittedly, campus violence may be a problem at the college but wouldn't it be more visible? It may be a naive question which only this committee can answer.

It is the age old problem of addressing a problem for its merits, not its topicality. Environmental issues are also in vogue — and like violence, it's about time we did something — but would anything be done about the environment if it wasn't the problem of the day?

The violence task force and its mandate of defining violence seems a cousin to this type of bandwagonism. Yes, it's important, but if it wasn't in the news, would we have this committee? It is hoped the committee will be aggressive and will not be slowed by decorum, politics or red tape. It is hoped the task force can define what violence is on campus and recommend possible solutions. It is hoped those possible solutions are born of concern, not politics. But unfortunately, only time and the committee's actions will tell.

Richard Douglas

Apathy apparent

More to life than partying

School spirit at Niagara College leaves much to be desired. A most pitiful example of student apathy was clearly displayed last week when a world-renowned artist visited the college and out of the 40 people who attended, only two were college students.

It is a shame students missed this opportunity, as well as the many other opportunities available to them through the college.

While students make pitiful excuses for not attending college events, unless it's a pub night of course, they're usually out at a bar buying drinks and partying. Who are they kidding!

It seems the only reason students attend extracurricular school activities is to drink and party — which brings us back to pub nights. As sure as the upcoming David Wilcox concert will be a sellout, Leslie B. DeMille's art lecture and demonstration last Friday — a very enlightening experience — could not even attract a single student other than those writing for the Niagara News.

The fact is the college student body really doesn't care about their school. This is obvious by the total lack of response by students to any college event excluding pub nights. One might even think it appalling.

No, it's more than appalling: it's sad.

Vernon Browne

Letters to the Editor

Helping sell the news

Dear Editor:

As a reader of the Niagara News I am disappointed at the quality of the paper. I have read papers from other high schools and universities and I am sorry to say that our paper does not measure up.

As a marketing student at Niagara I have done some research on what could improve the readership of the Niagara News. Many people I have spoken with don't find the paper interesting. A school paper needs pizzazz.

If you were to have a question of the week in the paper that could feature a few students with their photos people will read the paper because they know someone in it.

Also you can try a comic section. Everyone likes to read the comics and we have a lot of imagination in this school. Let's use it.

Finally you can place a classified section in the paper which allows people to write short notes to other students, advertise an apartment or something for sale. I'm sure you have seen the style in papers like Brock and the Notre Dame News in Welland.

If you were to take some of these ideas I'm positive the readership will increase.

Sonya T. Feeney
Third-year
Marketing Management student.

'Chair' title wrong

Why is Bev Brown referred to as "the new chair" of the task force on violence at the college?

Is it some kind of Canadian joke, eh, or had the writer's mind become twisted reading the National Enquirer during his/her last shopping sortie to New York...some story of a many-legged chair with a human head?

Did anyone ask Ms. Brown if she wanted the personification?

Perhaps the line should have read, "Brown is the new chair...," but with the English grammar people hot on your heels, it would have to read, "The new chair is brown..."

But, who sits in the new brown chair? Furthermore, with only one chair to sit in, what does the rest of the committee do? Since it's a committee on violence, do they stand — and fight? Because it's a committee, they must, as most do, and besides, the rest of the world is, so why not.

I hope being called a chair hasn't slandered Ms. Brown. We all know it's not a sexy newspaper, but let's not be downright wooden! You don't fool me, she's a woman, isn't she? I suppose there are worse things to be called than a chair, but since she leads the committee on violence, and if the editor insists on calling her something, why not animate her better and call her the calm eye in the centre of the storm?

Doug Morton,
First-year
Journalism student

Where's the picture?

Dear Editor:

We are disappointed with the unfulfilment of a promise made to us by a Niagara News reporter. After winning a Student Administrative Council intramural activity, we had a team picture taken (by this newspaper) and were told that it would appear in the first paper published after the holidays.

The Christmas holidays, that is. As of yet there has been no picture, not even a mention of the sport taking place.

We would appreciate the recognition that was promised to us.

Don Montague
Barry Wills
Ron Haydon
Gavin Bruce
Rob Swick
Jason Blanchette
All first-year
Law and Security
Administration students

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Bullpit

Don't knock student apathy

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

For years, student apathy has been a favorite rallying point for the various editors of this paper. Perhaps it is because it is an easily identifiable problem. Who will forget Student Administrative Council's pumpkin carving fiasco of last year; not a single student showed for the contest.

But is this a problem? Sure, there are schools — most notably south of the border — that can boast a happy and eager student body who actively participate in school events. That's nice, but that's not Niagara College. Nor is it really Canada.

This is a frontier country founded by rugged individuals — remember the word "individual", it'll come up again — who braved a cold and inhospitable climate to forge a nation.

Is it so difficult, then, to imagine the ancestors of these people to be different? Even recent immigrants to Canada must be affected in some way by our individuality. We may be a multicultural society, but still this singular mentality predominates. We are a nation of diverse individuals.

So, it should not be a surprise that our college "suffers" from a similar fate as our country. But, what is surprising is that we see this as a problem. Our uniqueness should be celebrated, not condemned. We see through phoney manufactured bonding and instead forge relationships ourselves. We don't need the help, thank you very much.

There has been talk the new student centre and possible residences will change the face of the the college's social scene. It may happen, but instead, they may serve as meeting places where distinct personalities can meet and get to know each other — similar to what the college has been doing all along.

Letters welcome

The Niagara News welcomes letters from readers. Letters to the editor should be kept brief and must include the writer's name, program and telephone number. Letters must be signed, pen names will not be accepted. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters, but will take every precaution to preserve the core of the writer's point of view or argument. Letters should be left at the newsroom of the Niagara News, Second floor, Simcoe Building by noon Wednesdays.

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Focus

Program teamwork colors fashion show

Several Niagara College programs, departments and area businesses are working at making the Sewing and Patternmaking Techniques Certificate program's upcoming "Creative Fashions on Parade" fashion show a success.

The show, to be held Feb. 7, which includes more than 100 garments made by current and former students, is open to the public. Tickets cost $10 with all proceeds going to purchase new equipment for the program.

"We are trying to promote the sewing and patternmaking certificate program. We want people to know the course teaches people to make more than just oven mitts and doillies," Sue Tallen, development officer Continuing Education division, said.

Programs involved in the event include the Broadcast Radio and Television, Fashion and Communication Arts, Visual Arts and Design, Marketing and Physical Resources.

"We're really getting a lot of cooperation from all departments and students," Nancy Turpin, one of the show's organizers, said.

Area businesses who have contributed to the show include: Bernard's Sewing Plus, Duthler Textiles Ltd., and the Seaway Mall Management on Niagara Street.

Door prizes include a Singer-Serger sewing machine valued at $750 donated by Bernard's Sewing Plus, 117 East Main St., Welland and a $100 gift certificate donated by Duthlers Textiles Ltd., 45 James St., St. Catharines with other door prizes on display in the Marketing window near the Student Administrative Council office prior to the show.

Several employees from Duthlers Textiles Ltd. are also involved in the show's production.

The extra stage and runway needed for the show comes from the management of the Seaway Mall. The college's Physical Resources department will be transporting and assembling the units in the cafeteria.

"It's been a long time coming," Eve Fenwick, a teacher in the Sewing and Patternmaking Certificate program, said. "The idea for the show has been talked about for years, but was not put into action until April of last year.

"We began sending out letters to all the students who have taken the program since 1983 to see how they felt about the idea," she said.

"We hope it's going to be quite a show, but there's a lot to be done yet," Mrs. Fenwick said.

The show will be held at the college's main cafeteria in the Black Walnut building from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Nancy Turpin holds one of the dresses made by a student of the Sewing and Patternmaking program. It is one of more than 100 fashions to be modelled at the show.

Photos and stories by Vernon Browne

Visual Arts

Posters promote show

The Visual Arts and Design group, formerly the Fine Arts program, contributed its talents by producing about 200 posters to promote the Feb. 7 fashion show being presented by the Continuing Education Sewing and Patternmaking Technique Certificate program.

Ken Cosgrove, visual arts and design co-ordinator, was asked by Sue Tallon, one of the show's creators, if he and his students would design the posters to tell people about the show.

The posters, all one size, are black and white with the "Creative Fashions on Parade" logo in blue. The posters feature two drawings of women wearing 19th century fashions. They are posted throughout the college and in the windows of area businesses.

The poster's finished design came from combining many ideas suggested by the students, Mr. Cosgrove said.

"It's a standard run-of-the-mill poster for the students," he said. "Nevertheless, its design was the effort of many of my students. The final product was the result of combining these ideas."

The cost of materials to produce the posters was about $40, Mr. Cosgrove said.

Radio and TV

Lights, camera, action...

About 12 second-year Broadcast Radio and Television students will receive practical experience with light, sound and videotaping while contributing to the "Creative Fashions on Parade" fashion show.

Students will be videotaping the show making use of the school's mobile video unit. They will also provide the lighting and sound.

"We are going to have a couple of follow spots for lighting, and some other lighting around the edges and on the platform," Larry Taylor, broadcasting co-ordinator, said.

Mr. Taylor said "coverage of this type is a little more complicated than just walking in with a VHS camera and recording something. We have to talk to the maintenance people or our electrical people to find out where they're going to plug in the van (mobile video unit) and where we'll be parking. You can't just take the van and plug it into an outlet."

Many of RTV's plans cannot be implimented until rehearsal Feb. 1.

"A couple of students will be going to the rehearsal to get an idea of what's happening," Mr. Taylor said. "At about 3 p.m. on Thursday, the day of the show, the students will begin to set up the lighting and equipment in the cafeteria."

Although not part of the students' classroom work, Mr. Taylor said the assignment will provide a good practical work experience. "It's not something where we go out and look for a fashion show to do. It's one of the assignments which comes up during the year that you take on because it is good experience."

Fashion Arts

Students dyeing to make show a success

First-year fashion and communication arts students will show their support at the upcoming "Fashions on Parade" fashion show by providing the back drop, stage and runway decorations.

Sue Tallon, one of the show's creators, asked Carole Timm, fashion arts co-ordinator, if she would provide the decorative backdrop — adherring to a blue color scheme — for the main stage, and decorate the additional stage and runway provided by Cheryl DellaValle of the Seaway Mall management.

"I think the show is a very ambitious project," Mrs. Timm said.

Mrs. Timm asked the first-year students to do the show because the second-year students are involved in the production of the Seaway Mall show.

"First the students had to dye the fabric, let it dry, then sew the material together," Mrs. Timm said. "We have started to paint it, but we won't be sure of the look until the night of the rehearsal."

Mrs. Timm said about 10 to 20 hours of work will be involved in the set-up and preparation of the event's props and backdrop.

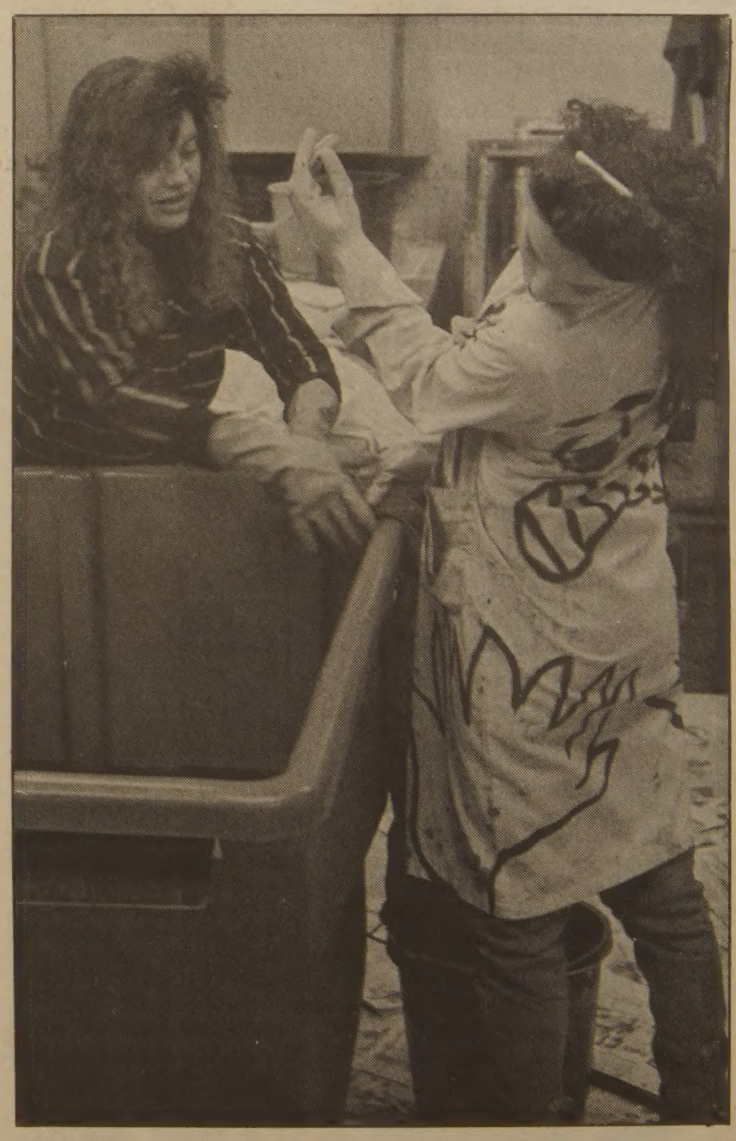
The materials are being supplied by the Fashion Arts Department.

"We get a lot of mileage out of our props and materials," Mrs. Timm said. "We already have the dyes, and the branches we get from nature — but we can reuse them. All we need from the college is some white paint."

"We are using creativity, not dollars," Mrs. Timm said.

The students will receive pictures from this event for use in portfolios. Any experience, in relationship to production, is vital to their education, Mrs. Timm said.

"It's great because it gives the students practical experience, and it gives the students a chance to exercise their creativity in a teamwork manner," Mrs. Timm said.



First-year fashion arts student Anna Nero (left) and Karen Polegato work together to drain off excess dye from the muslin which will be used as a backdrop in the fashion show.

Home away from home in Hay River

By DIANE FOSTER
Staff Writer

Sitting comfortably in the quiet restaurant, 22-year-old Ronda Rufrano reflects on her last six months in Hay River, N.W.T.

Ronda moved to Hay River shortly after graduating from Niagara College's Health Record Technician program.

Ronda studied Health Sciences Preparatory Option after high school, then changed to nursing. "I knew I wanted to work at something to do with the medical field," she said as she tossed her head of long, thick, curly, brown hair. She decided to try the Health Record Technician program.

"My job placement was at the St. Catharines General Hospital and I worked there for a while after graduating.

"Janet Arnott, Health Record Technician program co-ordinator, mentioned the opening at the Hay River Hospital. I was the only one to put in an application," she said smiling.

"June 9, 1990 I received a phone call from the Hay River Hospital. I was interviewed for the job over the phone. That night I spent 2 ½ hours at the library researching the north," she said. "June 15 I received another call from Hay River. I had the job and could begin July 3."

Ronda said she packed everything she owned and sent it by truck to her new home.

"I flew, but it took a while for my belongings to arrive. It was my first time moving away from home. It was scary — much different than home," she said. "I made friends quickly and they took me in until my apartment was available."

WARM SPELL

Ronda said the temperature was in the 80 degree Fahrenheit range when she arrived. "Not hot and sticky like here. It's more of a dry heat."

This warm spell didn't last long. By August the temperatures had dropped to the low 60s, she said.

"Temperatures change drastically there," Ronda explained. "In June we could have snow, and in July it could be in the 80s. One day you're in shoes. The next day you wear your muck-a-lucks.

"It's a long, cold winter there," she said. "Temperatures can reach -7 degrees to -12 degrees Fahenheit. When I left Jan. 4 to come home, it was -52 degrees. But that was exceptionally cold, even for Hay River.

"During the summer months, we have one hour of dusk. It's daylight all day and all night until September," she said.

"It's dark from 3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. until around 10 a.m. We'll get about four hours of daylight from 10 a.m. to 2 p. m. from now until April or May."

Just above the 60th parallel, the Hay River forks and joins Great Slave Lake. At this junction, Vale Island houses the small community of Hay River, population 3,000.

"Most of the residents speak English, but some of the natives speak their native language of Tuktoyaktuk," she said.

LOTS TO DO

Ronda said there are a lot of things to do. "I play pool a lot. This Christmas I sang in the community choir," she said, her hazel eyes sparkling in the dim light. "I had a lot of fun."

She said she can shop at one of the two men's or ladies' boutiques, The Northern Store, hardware store, drug store, or one of the four gift shops. There is one florist and three beauty salons.

"There are six restaurants — not all appealing, one liquor/beer store, but no theatre."

"It is a sporty little town with a fitness centre, aerobics, pool, curling club, hockey, figure skating, volleyball, badminton and five-pin bowling," she said.

"There are three baseball diamonds. When I first arrived, I watched a lot of games. They saw me there so often they asked me if I wanted to join a team," she said. "I was on two teams."

"We have a radio station, CJCD; eight channel T.V.; free paid T.V.; three video stores; a post office; an RCMP station; a court house; an old-age home and a weekly newspaper, The Hub, which comes out every Wednesday.

"It is an alcoholic town — the natives drink a lot. They will drink alcohol and Lysol. But the crime rate is low. There has only been one rape in over 20 years," she said.

STAFF CUT-BACKS

Ronda works at the 50-bed hospital. "There are 100 to 150 people on staff including four doctors," she said. "They just had some cut-backs. The hospital is government-owned and run by Pentecostal Sub-arctic Mission.

RONDA RUFRANO

I'm using all my college skills. Everything I learned I'm putting into practise."

"My pay has doubled since moving up there. And there are men... with good pay... and they're cute, too!" she said laughing. "Maybe I'll get married there."

Ronda said she will stay at Hay River another two to five years. "I love it. I couldn't be happier."

Hockey to help charity

Students can attend a Niagara Falls Thunder hockey game Saturday at a reduced price thanks to the Niagara Tri-Chapter of the Canadian Kidney Foundation.

The event called "Sponsor Kidney Night," is co-sponsored by the Niagara Falls Thunder hockey team, and will be played at the Chippawa Arena, Sodom Road.

The Niagara Thunder will play the Detroit Ambassadors with the proceeds going to the Niagara Tri-Chapter of the Kidney Foundation.

The Niagara Tri-Chapter will use the money from the game to raise public education concerning kidney problems, medical research and organ donor awareness.

Paul Manning, a graduate of the business administration marketing management program, and Miroslav Lukac, a graduate of the human resources program, are the driving forces behind the charity night.

"We heard that a charity night worked well in Windsor and we wanted to try it here," said Mr. Lukac, funding officer for the Niagara Tri-Chapter.

"After a couple of meetings with the Thunder management, they agreed to reduce the ticket cost and give us the proceeds," Paul Manning, research officer for the Niagara Tri-Chapter of the Kidney Foundation, said. "We hope everyone will come out and support the Kidney Foundation."

The game begins at 7 p.m. The tickets cost $4 for students and are available at the Student Administrative Council office (ME101) or by calling Niagara Falls Thunder ticket office at 374-8100.

February is Heart and Stroke Month in Canada

Looking for employment a full-time job

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles dealing with careers, resume writing and job interviews.

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

You've gotten writer's cramp and given $25 to get your resume in tip-top condition. Now what to do?

It's not enough to wait to see an advertisement in the newspaper for which you'd like to apply. Don't wait for a job to find you.

Searching for work is a full-time job. To give yourself the best chance for success, a combination of many different search areas must be covered.

The Plan

1. Newspapers are one job source. Fifteen to 20 per cent of available jobs are advertised. A classified ad can generate hundreds of responses. No wonder most job seekers rarely get responses. Chances for an interview will improve if you tailor your resume to the ad. Personally address your resume. Call the company for the name and title of the person to whom you are sending your resume.

2. Direct resumes to companies that have not advertised a job, but for which you would like to work. Since 80 to 85 per cent of available jobs are not advertised, direct mailing could produce a job. Companies are always looking for employees. Even if the company has no growth rate, there is a turnover in staff.

3. Networking is an effective way to let people know you are available to work. Tell your friends and relatives to keep their eyes open for job openings.

4. Career Services, in Niagara College's Tecumseh building, offers help in resume writing and with job placements.

On Feb. 6 and 20, you can register your resume with Career Services which will forward full-time job opportunities to program co-ordinators. Career Services continues to work for you for six months after graduation by mailing out resumes to prospective employers.

Follow-up Call

A follow-up call does two things. It lets you know if the company received your resume and if they are considering you for an interview. If you did not get an interview, it gives you an opportunity to ask why. Was there a lack of skills or experience, or was the resume inadequate? You may want to rewrite your resume based on the interviewer's suggestions.

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At the third annual International Ice Carving Competition in Niagara Falls, novice ice carver William Williams (above) of the American Culinary Institute, puts the delicate finishing touch on his gold medal and grand prize winning carving. Sean Kaumeheiwa (left), a professional carver from Maui, Hawaii, uses a chainsaw to carve his motorcross rider in ice.
Photos by Jennifer Bartkiw and Richard Douglas

Carvers create life from ice

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

Braving a cold wind, 32 ice carvers competed in the third annual International Ice Carving Competition at Maple Leaf Village and Oakes Garden in Niagara Falls Jan. 27.

Chef David Gibson, chairman of the Niagara Falls Ice Carving Committee and an instructor at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara Falls, said the day went without a hitch. "It was wonderful," he said.

The competition was for two levels: novice and professional. The distinction between a novice and professional is being debated by the National Ice Carving Association in Chicago.

Chef Gibson said a ruling may determine that a competitor must first win a few contests as a novice before being considered a professional.

"They do it more often too," Lawrence Alexander, a Niagara College graduate and novice competitor, said. "We do a few pieces a year, they do a few pieces a week."

The grand prize winner of a $1,000 (U.S. funds) in the professional category for his carving of a ballerina was Jun Paygane of the Harbor Castle Hilton in Toronto. The novice winner was William Williams from the American Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, N.Y. For his carving of a bird on a stand, he received reimbursement of his entry fee ($100) and a set of ice carving tools valued at about $250. The Carver's Choice award, the outstanding entry as judged by the professional carvers, was also awarded to Mr. Paygane. He won a limited edition wildlife print by local artist John Petrella.

With a carving time of three hours, the carvers were judged on a series of criteria which included the judges' first impressions, the technical skill and difficulty of the piece, its design and composition, the creativity of the artist and the overall effect of the carving. These are then split into 10 subcategories worth 10 points each. A perfect score would be 100.

The judging was supervised by head judge Alice Connelly of the National Ice Carving Association. Chef Stanley West, co-ordinator of the hospitality and tourism centre's culinary arts program, was responsible for making sure the rules were followed.

The rules included not allowing snow to be used on the carvings and prohibiting all but the carvers from touching the work in progress. As much as 50 points could be subtracted for such an infraction.

"The calibre of the work was good, but it wasn't superb," Chef Gibson said. He said conditions such as the weather and a time limit must be taken into consideration. Although three hours may seem a long time, the carvers are "using light through facet cutting to highlight their pieces," Mr. Gibson said.

It is a delicate process where the slightest mistake can be costly. Two individual pieces, one in the novice category, the other a professional, broke before they were finished.

"I didn't really get time to finish. There's a lot of slush," Sean Kaumeheiwa, a professional carver from Hawaii, said. Although not satisfied with his work, he was awarded a bronze medal for his carving of a motorcross rider.

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Leslie B. DeMille puts the finishing touches on an oil portrait of Peter Brewster. The painting is one of three he completed as part of his lecture and demonstration Friday, Jan. 25.
Photo by Vernon Browne

Low sign-up cancels event

By VERNON BROWNE
Staff Writer

A scheduled two-day workshop, which was to follow a lecture-demonstration on Jan. 25 with world renowned artist Leslie B. DeMille, was cancelled when only three people registered for the weekend event.

Despite the lack of student attendance and the workshop cancellation, Mr. DeMille's lecture attracted 40 people from the Niagara Region.

"I am very pleased with the turnout," Joan Warbis, development officer continuing education, said. "This is the first time that the college has had the opportunity to present an international artist."

The lecture was held in the Secord room last Friday, and began shortly after 7 p.m. Mr. DeMille created one oil and two pastel portraits as he captivated the audience until 10:30 p.m.

Many people who attended the lecture took notes. Some attempted to draw along with Mr. DeMille as he explained his techniques.

John Smeulders, owner of Studio Smeulders Art Store, at 64A St. Paul St. W., St. Catharines, was among the members in the audience and had also registered for the workshop.

"He's tops. He's one of the top people probably in North America; therefore, it's a shame — especially being at a college — there were no students here," Mr. Smeulders said. "There were not art teachers here either, and I think that it's mainly the art teachers' fault that the students weren't here."

However, Mr. DeMille was pleased with the enthusiasm of the crowd, even though he's always hoping for more people: "It helps me when there are more people interested. I enjoy teaching; although, I don't do it that much any more because it takes time away from my painting," he said.

Mr. DeMille, a native of Hamilton, Ont., now resides in California. He is here to display his 40 newest works of art at Hamilton Place and is giving similar lectures around the region.

Jun Paygane's carving of a ballerina won the grand prize in the professional category of the International Ice Carving contest, and the Carver's Choice Award. His carving was selected as the best entry by his fellow carvers.
Photo by Richard Douglas

Custodian of keys enjoys job

Ralph Mancuso is the first one in the Simcoe building every morning, but he's not a student. He opens the classrooms at 7:30 a.m. every school day.

Mr. Mancuso, 61, a custodian for the Simcoe building, has worked at Niagara College for 12 years.

"I like my job very much," Mr. Mancuso said. "I like the students and the teachers. Everybody likes me and I like everybody."

This winter the college is using gravel instead of sand on the walkways. And although gravel tracked into the school makes more work for Mr. Mancuso, he understands the change.

"Gravel is 100 per cent better than sand," he said. "They did the right thing. It is better for the students. The sand doesn't work as good; it is too slippery."

There are five custodians at the Welland campus.

"We help each other out on big jobs," Mr. Mancuso said. "As soon as you call they come."

The custodian for Hennepin Hall is Sue DenBesten.

"She's young and strong. When we have something heavy, she does the same things we do."

Mr. Mancuso came to Canada from Italy 37 years ago unmarried. He is now married with three children, all of whom graduated from Niagara College. He lives in Welland on a two-acre lot and enjoys working in his garden.

Before coming to the college, Mr. Mancuso was employed at Inco in Port Colborne for 13 years before being laid off.

Mr. Mancuso retires in four years, but isn't sure what he will do when that time comes.

"Maybe I'll go back to Italy. My mother lives there; she is 94 years old."

After 20 weeks' class toil hospital orderlies graduate

Friday, Jan.25, 1991 at 11 a.m. marked the end of 20 weeks of work for 21 graduates of the college's Hospital Orderly program.

The graduation ceremony occurred at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

Doris Evans, program co-ordinator, read the names of the graduates while Noreen Crowley, an instructor, presented the pins. A certificate of graduation was presented to each student by John Kealy, a representative of Canada Employment and Immigration Centre in Niagara Falls.

Two award of merit pins were presented to: Don McHugh, 57, the oldest student in the class, for top academic performance; and Reg Cowell for perfect attendance.

Reg was valedictorian and gave a speech on behalf of the class. "I was chosen valedictorian because I'm the quietest one in the class," he said.

"We have a real mix in our class," Reg said. "There is Don who I'm sure must get the seniors' discount at Zeller's on Wednesdays; then we have the galloping gourmet, Warren, who makes all our food for all our parties and things. Eric has a better understanding of those who have passed on—he was locked in the mortuary for a few hours. And then there is Sam. Sam is from El Salvador."

Six of the 21 graduates were women. This normally male-dominated course is attracting more females each year.

"Eight of the graduates already have jobs, five are continuing their education and are already enrolled in courses," Mrs. Evans said.

Prospects look good for all the graduates to find employment, she said.

Resumes, registration aid job search tasks

Students needing help writing resumes are invited to attend two graduate registration and resume days scheduled for Feb. 6 and 13.

The two registration and resume days are sponsored by the college's Co-operative Education and Career Services.

The sessions will be held across from the mini-cafeteria outside the Career Services office in the Tecumseh Centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Graduate students can register with us to allow us link them with job opportunities that come in from employers," Janet Forfar, career services officer, said.

Students can get help completing resumes or proofreading resumes.

The two resume days are replacing a Feb. 13 scheduled career fair, cancelled because of a lack of interest from prospective employers.

"We had interest from employers but not enough to make a presence (in the college). The majority of employers were interested in two or three programs. It would have became a specialized career fair," Ms. Forfar said.

Employers who were prepared to attend were mainly interested in law and security, retail management, health records and medical transcriptionist graduates, she said.

"The ones who do general recruiting from a large variety of programs aren't recruiting that way this year....This is a reflection of the economy. Employers are hiring for specific jobs. (The career fair in February) usually promotes all jobs...but employers are not sure of their needs....They may not be able to follow up....," she said.

"This was a decision hard to come by....Last year was such a success. We didn't want anything less than that....Those unable to attend this year are anxious to come next year," Ms. Forfar said.

Since the Feb. 13 career fair has been cancelled, prospective employers are expected to communicate directly with specific program co-ordinators with the assistance from Career Services.

Ms. Forfar is hopeful Canada's economic recession will end by the fall when officials at Career Services are optimistic that the career fair will be reinstated.

"(The cancellation) wasn't (due to) a lack of interest in our college and our grads. It's just the times," she said.

33 Skills employers receive appreciation certificates

The college's Ontario Skills Development Office held its first annual Employer Recognition Evening in the dining room at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls Monday, Jan. 21.

Certificates were given to the companies on behalf of the college and the Ministry of Skills Development by John Saso, college president, and Brad Ward, parliamentary assistant.

"Our office recognized 33 employers for human resource development," Beatrice Clark, manager of the Ontario Skills Development office here, said. In addition to the employers, individuals who work for the companies and acted as consultants were also recognized.

Since the office was established in 1986, it has worked with over 1,000 area employers. "We've been busy," Mrs. Clark said.

The Employer Recognition Evening was created to honor companies that "demonstrated a commitment above and beyond the line of duty," Mrs. Clark said.

Some of the recognized employers include Andres Wines, Domtar Fine Papers and The Welland Guardian Express Ltd.

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Other campuses' smoking complaints

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

Welland is not the only campus experiencing problems with violations of the college's smoking policy, a recent telephone survey of the other campuses revealed.

St. Catharines campus and the Hospitality and Tourism Centre have had their share of indoor smokers.

"In 17 years in this building, I have never seen the hallways, doorways, and stairwells this bad," Yvonne Michaud of physical resources at St. Catharines campus, said.

Mrs. Michaud said smokers put their cigarette butts out on the tile floors, adding to the workload of the cleaning staff.

This is not just during the day; continuing education students using the campus at night also smoke indoors, she said.

Signs posted to remind students of the no-smoking policy have been torn down, she said.

"It really is a problem . . . It's just very sad."

She said students go out for lunch, instead of eating in the cafeteria, so they can have a cigarette and many don't return for their afternoon classes.

The hardest group of students to make aware of the smoking policy is the non-English-speaking students, Mrs. Michaud said, adding they smoke in the washroom when told they cannot smoke in the entrance ways.

Meanwhile, at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Beverley Williams, secretary, said smokers huddle near the back door of the school. There are cigarette butts all over that area, she said.

"I don't blame them."

Ms. Williams said nothing is said to students who smoke indoors. She said there should be a designated smoking area, comparing the smokers to "dogs being thrown out".

On the other hand, Mount Carmel, Mack and the Horticultural Centre do not have problems with smoking policy violators.

Mount Carmel campus has had an outdoor-only smoking policy for years, Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said. She said the building is old so smoking indoors could be hazardous to the building's structure.

At Mack campus, students and faculty smoke outside at the back of the building, Miss Cunningham said. The only problem smokers cause at Mack is the mud and snow that is tracked inside, she said.

Tom Ball, co-ordinator at the Horticultural Centre, said indoor smoking has not been a problem at the centre.

"The students have been very good here."

The students smoke outside the front foyer of the school, obeying the smoking policy, he said.

Visitors occasionally walk into the school with lit cigarettes but they receive strange stares from staff and students, Mr. Ball said.

"They soon extinguish it (the lit cigarette)," he said.

Talks now under way to curb smoking problems

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

Discussions are under way to provide designated smoking areas in an effort to curb problems related to Niagara College's smoking policy.

If Bill 194, the provincial no-smoking legislation is followed, fines of up to $500 could be instituted against anyone caught smoking in designated no-smoking areas.

"The current policy of the college is that it (smoking) is not permitted in any of the school buildings," Mal Woodhouse, health and safety manager and acting head of Physical Resources (formerly Plant and Property Services), said. "It's a regulation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and one of my mandates is to make sure we are complying with it."

Some, however, are trying to beat the system.

"We're having a lot of students tearing down the engraved no-smoking signs," Linda Maidens, building operations supervisor, said. "They're being put up one day and the following day they're down."

Students then claim ignorance when told they are in a designated no-smoking area, she said, adding this happens most in the area around the Hamilton room. A security guard is now taking down names of smokers and those caught may be fined.

Winter weather conditions have forced people who normally smoke outside to move into school entrances for shelter. As a result, entrances are becoming refuse dumps.

"There are cigarette butts, there are cans of pop, there are half-eaten sandwiches...at the end of the day it's disgusting," Ms. Maidens said. "There's a garbage can right outside the door. If you don't want to finish your sandwich, throw it in there," she said.

In order to help smokers, the college is examining the possibility of shelters outside the school. Both separately ventilated smoking rooms and portables were suggested at a recent college council meeting, but because of their expense other alternatives are being considered.

"I'm getting some prices on bus shelters," Mr. Woodhouse said. "I'm trying to accommodate people's needs with something that is durable and is clear so you can see through it from a security standpoint. (They are) easily maintained and attractive while providing a shield for people against the winds and rains."

"The legislation's only been in place for a year and I think you have to give it a chance to work," he said.

While the college will continue to enforce its no-smoking policy, officials are looking for ways to accommodate smokers.

Non-smokers complaining

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

Indoor smoking is an increasing problem at the college and non-smokers are complaining, Hans van der Slagt, interim vice-president of academics, said.

"People feel their health is being threatened," he said. "It should be obvious what they (the smokers) are doing is dangerous to non-smokers."

The college's smoking policy began in January 1989. At that time, designated indoor smoking areas were established.

If staff and students attended smoke-enders meetings, the college paid the cost of those classes, Mr. van der Slagt said.

In September 1989, the college became officially smoke-free.

"Many people have followed the policy and are honoring the rights of those who don't need to inhale second-hand smoke," Mr. van der Slagt said.

However, there are some smokers who do not follow the policy, he said. They choose to smoke in the entranceways, making it difficult for visitors, staff and students to enter the college.

Being the second year of the policy, people should be aware of its existence, he said.

The worst entranceway is the one in the Merritt building, near the ramp leading to the second floor, Mr. van der Slagt said. "This area is the most contentious."

This area does not have doors separating it from the rest of the building. Workers on the second floor of the building have complained the smoke drifts up to their hallway, he said.

The college has not yet decided how to handle the problem. There have been suggestions that portables be purchased and designated as smoking areas or have designated areas within the college for the smokers to enjoy a cigarette.

Mr. van der Slagt does not see either alternative as a solution.

"I think the world is moving towards a smoke-free environment," he said, adding he believes all public buildings will be smoke-free in a short time.

Another deterrent that might be used against smokers is fines.

Mr. van der Slagt said while this is an informal proposal at this time, fines could be instituted by the college. Provinical legislation allows for fines of up to $500.

Student Administrative Council has asked the Board of Governors to allow for a designated smoking area in the student centre, now under construction, Mr. van der Slagt said.

For now, the college has designated the security guard from the library to make occasional visits to the entranceways. He has been asked to write down the names of those who are smoking.

Mr. van der Slagt said he would like staff and students to speak to the smokers as well.

Larger signs will be posted in the entranceways as an extra reminder, Mr. van der Slagt said.

"My impression is it (indoor smoking) is getting worse," he said. "It's really just not acceptable."

No conscription for Canadians unless reserve numbers depleted

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

As the war against Iraq continues in the Persian Gulf, Canada will not be drafting soldiers in the foreseeable future. A draft would occur "only in a dire emergency" Sergeant Marilyn Cuff said in a telephone interview from the Canadian Forces Recruitment Centre in St. Catharines.

Sgt. Cuff said a draft, or conscription as it is called, would require a federal government order. She said that would happen only if forces were so depleted reserves wouldn't provide the numbers of soldiers needed.

If conscription became a reality, the conditions would be the same as the present recruitment conditions, she said. The conscriptee must be 17 years old, have a minimum Grade 10 education, and be medically fit.

Once accepted, a conscriptee would have 10 weeks of basic training, followed by trade training. The latter can take "weeks and weeks and months" Sgt. Cuff said. The entire process could take a year or two before the conscriptee would be sent into battle.

She said the recruiting centre has had many applications from young people wanting to go to war. Some, she added, do not have the educational requirements and cannot be accepted.

"If crash came to crunch, they (the Canadian Forces) may come down on the academic requirements," Sgt. Cuff said.

In the U.S., in a draft, certain people are ineligible. These include single parents, only sons, and post-secondary students. Canada does not have exemptions.

"I assume there would be grounds under which a person would not be called to serve," Sgt. Cuff said.

She said there is no upper age limit to join the forces. A limit would be considered discriminatory.

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Sports

Longtime curling vet going on Swiss tour

If you want to throw rocks then curling is your sport. Niagara's Scott Banner has been throwing rocks and sweeping for the past 11 years.

Scott, a first-year law and security student who has played for a number of Ontario and local teams over the years, plays for the Niagara College team. He will be going to Switzerland during the Feb. 25 to March 1 study week to play Swiss teams. The trip is sponsored by the Toronto Curling Association.

For Scott this will be his first time in Switzerland. "We'll (Scott and his friends) be playing only Swiss teams when we go over," he said.

"I really like the sport. People think it's a wimpy game but they're wrong, it's really fun," Scott said. "You have to have some upper body strength to throw the rock. It (the rock) weighs 44 pounds. You have to be fairly strong to sweep also."

Scott outlined the rules of the game. The objective is to place the maximum number of your rocks as close as possible to the button's centre. (The button is the inner circle of what looks like a bull's eye on the ice.) This is all done while trying to knock your opponents' rocks off. One point is given for each rock close to the button's centre.

Sweeping is an integral part. "Sweeping is very important," Scott said. "The sweeper has to create enough friction to heat up the ice to clear debris and allow the rock to travel better."

There are four positions on a curling team: the lead, who sets up the end (an end is a period of time like an inning in baseball); the second, who is the best take out player on the team; the vice, who is the best shot maker on the team; and the skip, who is the strategist of the team.

"You don't start off as skip, you have to work your way up," Scott said. "Everyone acts as sweepers on the team."

Championship games can last 2½ hours and are composed of 10 15-minute ends. In a tie an extra end will be played.

"I wish there were more people on the Niagara team, there are only 10 of us," Scott said. The Niagara team along with the Alumni and Faculty teams won silver medals the weekend of Jan. 19-20.

"I wish that more people would come out and watch and also try the game, it can be a lot of fun," he said.

Knights' goaltender Gerry Ellison deflects the puck while Tom Landry (no. 6) takes on a University of Buffalo's forward.
Photo by Neville Lewis

Niagara defeats Buffalo 7-5

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

After 10 games, the Niagara College Knights are playing .500 hockey.

The team has four wins, four losses and two ties, placing it third in the six-team International Collegiate League.

The latest game was a 7-5 win over the University of Buffalo Jan. 24.

A 3-0 first period lead sealed a win for the Knights hockey team when they met the University of Buffalo at Amherst's Sabreland.

Buffalo outscored Niagara 5-4 in the next two periods with starting left defender Todd Browning netting the final two goals.

Niagara's newest frontline of Kent Loach at left wing, Rob Scriven at centre and Rob Hoath at right wing accounted for three goals and six assists.

"We work well as a unit," Rob Scriven said. "Saturday (their first regular season game in the new semester) was a moral victory. We're back in full force with all of our lines together. We're going to be an offensive threat."

He said they complement each other and will be one of three frontlines that is "going to be clicking" during the playoffs scheduled for early March.

"Game by game, we're getting better." Rob Scriven had two goals and two assists.

Hoath opened the scoring for Niagara with a goal at 6:34 of the first period when he drove the puck from just over the centre line into the back of the Buffalo net. Chris Klauck's goal came on a similar shot three minutes later. Several players positioned in front of the net blocked Buffalo's goaltender John Wolski's view of the play. The opportunity gave Mike Duerden a goal, putting Niagara ahead 3-0.

The new frontline recorded Niagara's next goal. Buffalo broke the ice when Niagara's Gerry Ellison was caught away from the goal. Peter Dienes pushed the puck into the net for the easy goal. Ken Minor replied for Niagara 51 seconds later. Buffalo responded with two goals but could not stop a Niagara victory.

Niagara's new soccer team ties Beamsville 4-4

Niagara College's indoor soccer team, coached by Ed Fox, tied its opening game 4-4 Tuesday night against Beamsville.

Niagara is in the Men's B Blue Division and play their games in the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome.

Coach Fox has yet to make the final team cut. He has 28 players.

The one-hour game started slowly but the pace picked up as Niagara's Rick Gonzalez scored the first goal. Niagara tallied the only other goal of the first half when Steve McIntyre booted in the ball off a rebound near the Beamsville net.

The game's second half started quickly as Beamsville scored the opening goal within the first minute. Beamsville then went on the attack quickly scoring again.

Frank Serra and Len Camelino scored goals number three and four respectively for Niagara, the final points of the contest for the Knights.

Beamsville scored their final goal towards the end of the half.

Niagara's next game is Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Welland Soccer Dome, Rice Road. Students are encouraged to come out and watch, Coach Fox said.

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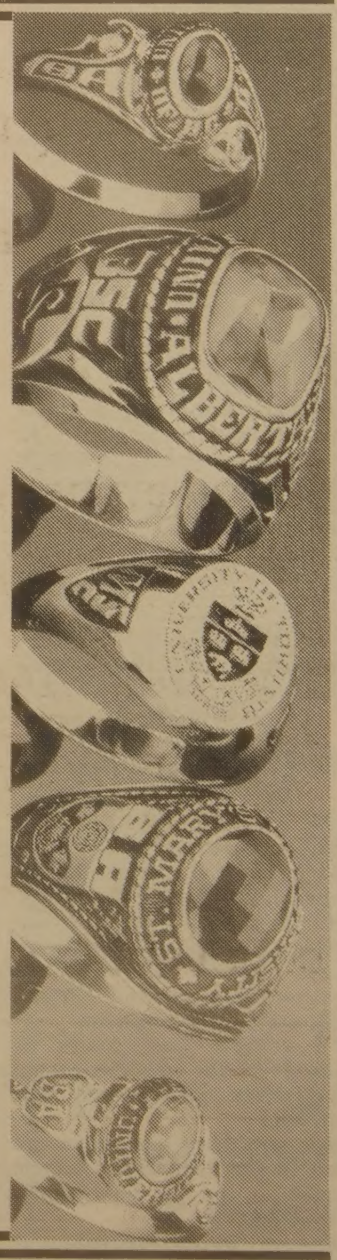

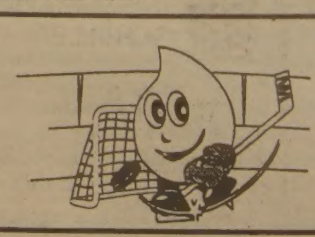

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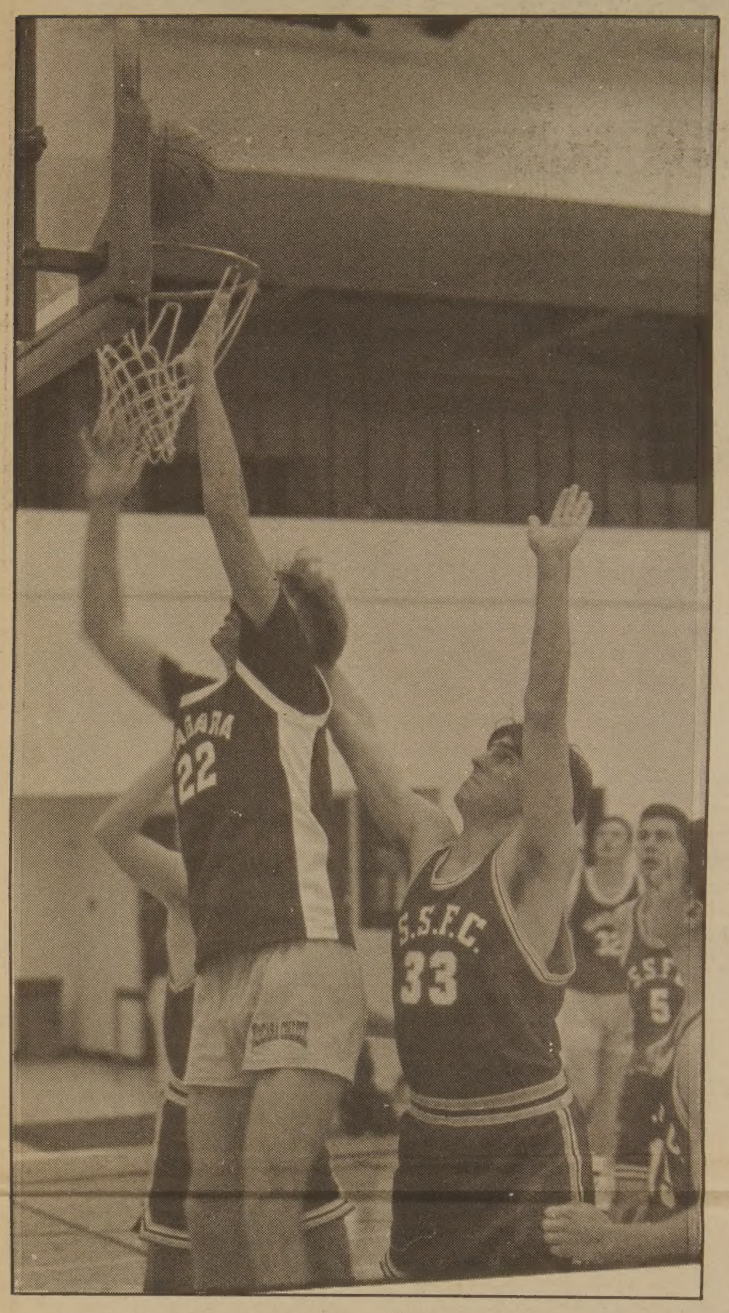

Niagara Knights' Cam Bell (no.22) beats the defence for the rebound and converts a two-point shot. The Knights beat Sir Sanford Fleming Auks 102-44 in a weekend tournament.
Photo by Neville Lewis

Knights net game high 102

The Niagara Knights basketball team scored its first 100-point game during an exhibition tournament held at the college Saturday.

The home team defeated Sir Sanford Fleming of Lindsay in the tournament's first game, winning 102-44.

In the next game, Sir Sanford Fleming Auks lost to Lambton College of Sarnia 61-44.

In the day's final game, Niagara beat Lambton 85-69.

The Knights started the first game with a 30 per cent shooting average and couldn't sink a basket. Guard Scott Currie made several three-point attempts but failed to score.

"For the first five minutes we couldn't hit a barn," Niagara coach Todd Stevens said.

The Knights regrouped to take a halftime lead 45-22. In the second half, they extended the lead and capped the scoring with 102 points. The Auks scored only 22 points in the second half of play, giving them a total of 44 points.

In the final game, Lambton managed to stay close to Niagara, but an injury sustained by Mark Fyffe, Lambton's outstanding player, at 7:57 in the second half left the visitors without a player to counter the home team's offence.

Niagara made the most of the moment by controlling the rebounds offensively and defensively. More passing and several steals by Brady Fitzgerald off inbound passes allowed Niagara to extend their lead and claim a 16-point victory.

Niagara's centre Rick Sinclair netted the most points during the tournament. He had 28 points in the 100-plus victory and 30 in the last game, scoring 58 points in the tournament. Forward Merv Wrighton scored 15 and 23 points respectively, while guards Scott and Brady tied for a game day 27-point total.

Three three-pointers in the dying moments of the game placed Niagara within a point of 100. Shooting from the free-throw line, guard Blaine Sparks missed the first attempt but made the second. An easy basket followed making the score 102-44.

The college's previous high score this year was when Niagara defeated Nicholson Catholic College School from Belleville 91-84 in January.

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Fans' support at home counts

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

Home fans can make a difference.

For example, just ask any member of the Buffalo Bills football team. During each home game, the Bills played before more than 80,000 fans. The team was undefeated in 10 home games this year.

On a smaller scale, the Niagara Knights' last home game played Jan. 19 was an excellent example of what fans can mean to a home team.

More than 50 fans ventured out in biting cold weather to cheer on their favorite team. It was a rarity at a college game and a much-welcomed retreat from the lethargy that has become synonymous with many Niagara College activities.

Spurred on by the crowd, the Niagara players turned the game around against the University of Buffalo and earned a hard-fought 2-2 tie.

Their defence was excellent in the first period allowing the University of Buffalo only four shots on goal.

The Knights were slow to react to a new-look Buffalo team. The game was a far cry from the 9-3 defeat Buffalo suffered when they met Niagara Nov. 16. Since then, Buffalo had regrouped.

"Well, basically, we went back to the basics over the Christmas break," Buffalo back-up goalie Todd Bernick said.

"I don't think we were mentally prepared (for last November's game)," Bernick said. "We haven't beaten them (the Knights) in three years. I think we can do it tonight."

However, it was not to be. The Knights were giving nothing away.

Buffalo altered its initial game plan of "dumping and chasing, to wear them out then take the game in the third."

Given Niagara's lack of bench depth, the idea was sound and might have worked except that Niagara is "a solid team and pretty physical."

"They're so physical. They take you out of the play," Bernick said.

After numerous skirmishes, the evening's highlight came when Niagara's Dave Hall and Buffalo's Eric Richards dropped their gloves and tossed aside their helmets for a fight at centre ice.

Comment

The crowd and players could not have been more aroused.

"Everybody got pumped up," Niagara back-up goalie Gerry Ellison said. "We were psyched. We said 'we are going tie' and for the number of guys we had, we played well."

With encouragement from the crowd, the Knights started hitting. "The big hits scared them," Gerry added. "They didn't want the puck anymore. They were passing it around like (a) hot potato."

"We played a really good game," Ken Minor, a Niagara Knights player, said.

He made his first appearance as a starter during the game. "We worked hard getting back into the game considering we didn't have a lot of bench players. We didn't capitalize on opportunities in the third period but we showed a lot of character."

It was this kind of attitude that aroused the crowd. The chemistry between players and spectators helped. With 53 seconds left in the game, Buffalo blasted Mike Ticknovich with six shots and were again on the attack. The crowd rose to its feet but Ticknovich made some exceptional saves. The feat was repeated in overtime while Simon Wayda and Ken Minor, key players in Niagara's offence, were in the penalty box.

With three seconds to go, Knights' Ken Bilodeau made a forceful drive to Buffalo's goal. The crowd was again brought to its feet. Goalie John Wolski dived to left. He could not hold the puck but managed to deflect it as he fell to the ice.

Such fan support, even though small compared to those supporting the Buffalo Bills, can help a team. With players feeling they are being supported, they put forward a greater effort.

Those who attended the game were treated to an excellent game. It is a pity so many students missed it.

It will not be remembered as the greatest of games, but it was a Saturday night treat and it was free — no line ups and no hassle to get tickets.

Those in attendance did see the International Collegiate Hockey League at its best. It took a small crowd's help to make a difference.

But what if there were a larger turnout? What if people were to "turn up" at college games?

The performances by Niagara College athletes would undoubtedly be better.

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Brock recycling philosophy 'one step at a time'

By JOAN GREAVES
and HELEN PARKINSON
Staff Writers

Slow but steady seems to be the philosophy behind recycling at Brock University.

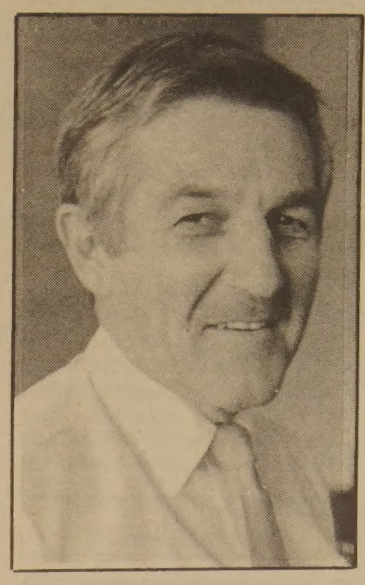
"We're tackling issues one step at a time," Al Pedler, director of administrative services at Brock University, said.

Recycling of cans, bottles and newspapers began in 1988 by the Ontario Public Interest Research Group, a student-funded organization. OPIRG, as it is commonly known, is an organization run by students actively interested in environmental and social issues.

Ten years ago an attempt was made by Mr. Pedler to recycle fine paper but it was unsuccessful because people were overwhelmed and not as environmentally-conscious.

Heightened awareness of the need to recycle has proven to be beneficial, he said.

A volunteer committee of administrators at Brock assumed the responsibility for recycling in November 1990. This allows members of OPIRG to pursue its mandate of research and education. Committee members include Ray Birmingham, Ken White, Walt Thiessen and Mr. Pedler.



AL PEDLER

"I basically inherited the job," Mr. Pedler said. "It's hard to operate a system with volunteers. The OPIRGs of the world should convince adminstrations to cover the responsibility."

Claiming to be the worst (polluters) in the Niagara Region, Brock administration assumed recycling responsibilities without a budget, Mr. Pedler said.

"About $10,000 has been spent (on recycling)," he said.

Money was pulled from the university Print Shop, a money-generating operation, to employ a student. Richard Xwankwoala, a student from Nigeria, is Brock's one-man collecting machine. His part-time job ensures all recyclables are collected for pickup by Niagara Recycle. While adverse weather conditions on the loading dock can take its toll, crowded halls during class changes act as his only obstacle. His cheerful disposition persists despite the lack of glamor in his job.

Not only does the university have fine paper, bottles, cans, and newspaper recycle programs implemented, cardboard boxes have managed to make it to the bins. Campus kitchen staff are successfully sending six cubic feet of cardboard to the bins each week.

Government legislation has led to the recovery of toxic waste produced by the university. Subject to the requirements of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System, all educational institutions are obligated to comply with the four-year-old legislation. Although regulations were introduced in 1987, the bill did not come into effect until 1989. Failing to comply with the legislation could result in a 12-month jail term, a $25,000 fine, or both.

Ken Thibeau, from Workers Health and Safety Centre in Don Mills, said the centre was sure some companies and institutions were not complying to regulations; policing is not done unless complaints are made through the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Walter Thiessen, manager of purchasing services at Brock, said the university is a registered generator of chemical waste, including organic materials. All waste is categorically licenced, separated and labelled for pickup. If not, collection is denied. Prices vary depending upon the hazardous content. One load of hazardous waste was disposed of at a cost of $5,000, said Mr. Thiessen. All toxic waste is picked up by Laidlaw.

The use of recycled goods on campus is becoming more prevalent.

"You can't preach to the public unless you practise it yourself," Mr. Pedler said.

University photocopiers are filled with partially-recycled and fully recycled paper. All restrooms are equipped with 100 per cent recycled materials. Central Stores recharge laser cartridges, giving approximately 25 per cent more prints while costing 33 per cent less than new cartridges.

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Brock's environmental awareness has extended to the parking lot. During the month of October cars with four or more students were entitled to park for free in the pay lots.

"We are not paving anymore lots for parking," Mr. Pedler said.

An increase in parking fees was discussed to reduce the amount of cars on campus. In co-operation with St. Catharines Transit Commission, the "Brock Bullet" was born. Students are shuttled from the Carlisle Street terminal to the doors of Schmon Tower in 15 minutes on Highway 406. Transit systems have been extended to difficult areas routes such as Thorold.

While Brock's enrolment has increased, the amount of garbage the university produces has not.

"This is a bonus in itself," Mr. Pedler said. He credits the Ontario Public Interest Research Group for exposing the need for recycling. "Guilt is a great motivator."

Carvers

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At an awards dinner Saturday at the Skyline Hilton in Niagara Falls, no gold medals — a score of 90 or above — were awarded in the professional category. One gold was awarded to Mr. Williams in the novice category.

Chef Gibson is proud of the fact this contest is — to the best of his knowledge — "the first time the National Ice Carving Association has sanctioned a competition sponsored by a branch of the Canadian Federation of the Chefs de Cuisine (The Professional Chefs Association of Niagara)." He hopes to start a local chapter of the association.

Chef Gibson thanked Gladys Currie from the Niagara Falls Ice Carving Committee and hotel and restaurant administration student Christina Armisted for their help. Also contributing to the contest were the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism division, the Niagara Parks Commission, the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, York Hanover and many area businesses.

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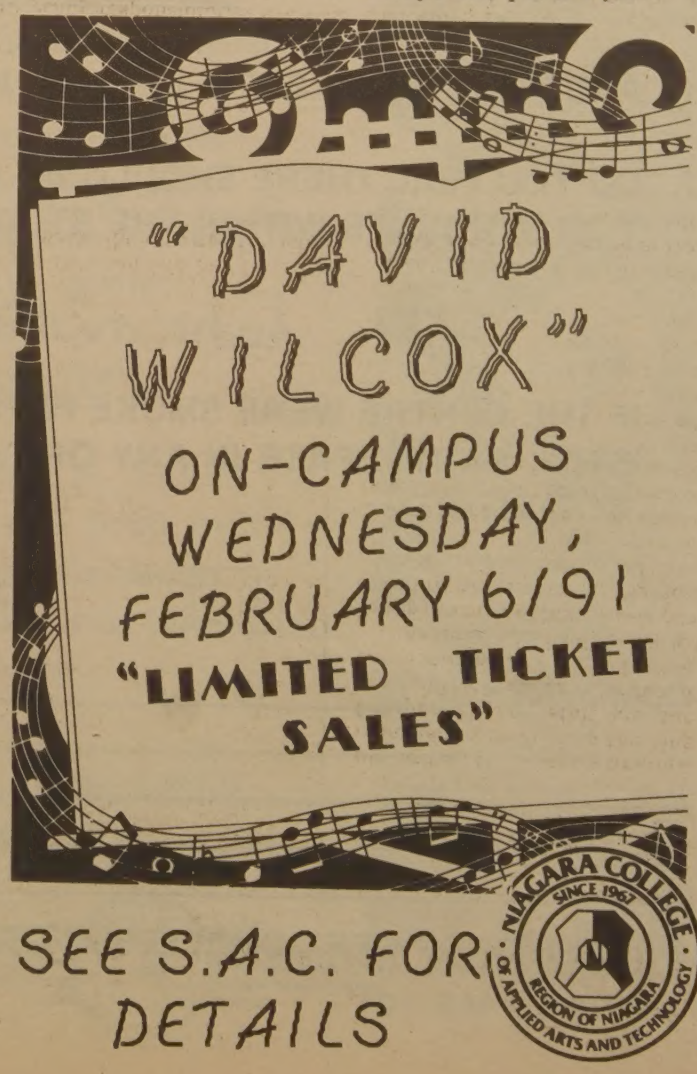
"The whole booking cost us over $7,500 for him, because he's in such demand," she said.

A game of winter golf will be held at Brockland Golf Course on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. followed by a mini-pub at 3 p.m.



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